



REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

What should I consider suspicious?

- Overheard conversations in which individuals/patrons make unusual or alarming statements
- Individuals found in areas that are off-limits to the public
- Individuals acting nervous or impatient
- Unknown persons asking for directions to sensitive areas on a property, including utility and security rooms
- Individuals surveilling a public or industrial facility
- Suspicious questioning regarding schedules, safety procedures, security equipment, (e.g., presence of surveillance cameras vs. uniformed officers), etc.
- Individuals who are taking notes or calling on mobile phones while pacing off distances
- Actions by a person that suggest he/she is trying to hide his identity (e.g., wearing a bulky hat, scarf or some other article of clothing to obscure his face) or the appearance of an individual wearing clerical garb / religious attire in what appears to be a means of disguising his true identity
- Individuals asking for directions to non-tourist, high-profile locations
- Unusual statements/off-handed comments made by an individual that suggest he/she may be planning a criminal act. (An example may include expressed admiration or in-direct reference to individual(s) involved in a notorious, violent incident; subtle or direct mention of a radical political or religious point of view, etc.)
- Unusual questions about a special event (e.g., parade, street festival, etc.) scheduled to take place in the area; strange or ominous statements made about an event or location
- Individuals who go out of their way to avoid law enforcement and security
- Individuals bringing (or attempting to bring) unusual packages into a public or industrial area

It is important to remember that just because someone's speech, actions, beliefs, appearance, or way of life is different, it does not mean that he or she is suspicious. Some of the activities, taken individually, could be innocent and must be examined by law enforcement professionals in a larger context to determine whether there is a basis to investigate.

What should I do?

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING AN EMERGENCY OR A CRIME IN PROGRESS, CONTACT 911.

IF YOU WERE THE VICTIM OF A CRIME, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT.

A partnership between the public and law enforcement is essential to the success of anti-terrorism efforts.

You can support this partnership.

- Watch for people and actions that are out of place
- Make note of suspicious statements, people, and/or vehicles
- Talk to individuals, ask questions, and listen to and observe their responses

Do not jeopardize your safety or the safety of others.

In addition to reporting suspicious activity to your local police department, you are encouraged to contact the Pennsylvania State Police Tip Line.

This will enhance the statewide situational awareness and can potentially aid in the prevention of future terrorist acts through early identification and intervention.

With your help, we can make the Commonwealth a safer place for all Pennsylvanians and visitors.

To report suspicious activities to the PSP Tip Line at any time, call or email:

1-888-292-1919
tips@pa.gov